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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 20,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN IN A SPEECH LAST
NIGHT, REFERRING TO LAST OCTOBER, SAID THE UNITED STATES
HAD WARNED THAT IF ISRAEL DID NOT ALLOW SHIPMENTS OF FOOD
AND WATER TO GO TO THE SURROUNDED THIRD EGYPTIAN ARMY, THE
UNITED STATES WOULD DO IT. IS THIS TRUE?

A. LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE
USEFUL TO REHASH THE EVENTS OF THAT VERY TENSE PERIOD,
DEALING WITH PARTS OF THEM OUT OF CONTEXT.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ARE NOT DENYING IT.

A. THAT IS ABOUT ALL I HAVE TO SAY ON THE REPORT.

Q. ON THE BASIS OF AMERICA'S OWN RECONNAISSANCE, HAVE THERE
BEEN ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE GOLAN FRONT BY EITHER SIDE?

A. I THINK WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THAT.

Q. IT CAME UP SEVERAL DAYS AGO. AS I RECALL, MR. ANDER-
SON LEFT US WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE MIGHT LOOK INTO
THAT.

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A. I THINK WHAT HE MAY HAVE SAID -- I CAN'T RECALL
EXACTLY WHAT HE DID SAY -- BUT IN ANY EVENT, ANY RESULTS
OF THE RECONNAISSANCE ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND PROVIDED
TO THE UN MECHANISM WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THAT
PRECISE PURPOSE.

Q. SO THAT IF THERE WERE ANY VIOLATIONS THAT YOU HAD DIS-

COVERED, YOU WOULD NOT MAKE THOSE PUBLIC -- YOU WOULD JUST PASS THOSE ON TO THE UN.

A. I SHOULD DOUBT IF WE WOULD BECOME INVOLVED THAT WAY.

Q. IS THAT RIGHT?

A. THAT IS RIGHT.

Q. YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC IN THE PAST.

A. WELL, I HAVE SEEN SCATTERED REFERENCES TO IT, BUT NOT IN ANY COMPLETE AND COHERENT WAY.

Q. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS THE ONE I AM REFERRING TO, WHO MADE THE RESULTS OF THE RECONNAISSANCE PUBLIC.

A. I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

Q. THAT IS NOT COHERENT?

A. NO. I AM JUST SAYING THE PROCEDURE THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IS FOR THE RESULTS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE UN MECHANISM; THAT IN GENERAL IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THESE RESULTS WOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Q- WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MR. ATHERTON'S MEETINGS TODAY WITH THE SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN AMBASSADORS?

A. LET ME CHECK AND SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING BEYOND SORT OF A NORMAL DIPLOMATIC TOUR D'HORIZON. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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